#### JOSH BILLINGS.

The Country Skool Mom.

She iz invairably just about 23 years and 6 months old, and remains rite thare for a term ov years.

She wears her hair either kut short or hanging around in ringlets, and iz az precise in all things az a pair ov Fairbank's platform skales.

She never laffs out loud, and seldum even smiles, but when she duz, she duz it ackordin to the rules laid down bi Murray for speaking and pronouncing the inglish language

korrektly. She iz the very essence ov dubble extrakted propriety, and would rather be four years behind, the fashions in her dress and bunnet than to spel a word wrong, or parse a sentence inkorrektly.

She keeps a scrap book and an album, and would prefer rather to hav the autograff ov sum milk-andwater poet than the name ov sum good man to a sixty day note.

The country skool mom seldum dies an old maid, she gits married generally to sum man who has but little edukashun, and he thinks (as he ought to) that there aint another sutch a larnt woman az his wife on the face ov the earth.

Withall her precise phoolishness, her pompous knolledge, her silky sentamentalism, and her allmost allwuss mistaking manner for matter, i respect the country skool mom. She taught me mi letters, she was pashunt while i was stuped, she soothed me when i was frackshus, and she often (good soul) giv me a titbit from her lunchion at

May kind heaven strew sum kind ov happiness in her pathway, for she iz paid poorly, worked hardly, and the step-mother to everybody's childran, she never receives from the world ennything better than the most formal respekt.

#### INVEST IN LANDS.

Although an investment in Real Estate may not at once prove lucrative and yield an immediate income to the purchaser, we have found, from many years experience, that all judicious investments made, either in farming lands or suburban property adjoining a growing and prosperous city like this, invariably result in a fine speculation, or at all events in one that is doubly sure for a good paying investment.

In the products of the soil all wealth has its origin. The industrious farmer must always have a market for his wares. What he has to sell are the absolute necessities of life, and he that does not produce them must obtain them of him who

Whatever may be a man's business, however much money he may control, he must look to the tiller of the soil for that which will sustain life. There may be local derangements, but on the whole there is of necessity a market for every important product, and the producer must always be sure of his living, so long, at least, as he is the owner of the land he cultivates. In every department of life sunshine and shadow alternate, but if the foundation fails, the ruin of the superstructure is inevitable.

The possession of Real Estate is a substantial capital. If ones title is good, no thief can steal it; it needs no insurance policy to make it safe; nothing short of an earthquake can swallow it. A good farm or surburban garden, with rich soil, judiciously managed, whether its commercial gold value go up or down, is still the source of good and comfortable living. Whatever else r man may possess, he cannot afford to do without Real Estate sufficient to make himself and family, if he has one, a good home.

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Newspaper advertising is now recognized by business men having faith in their own wares, as the most effective means for securing for their wares a wide recognition of their merits.

#### Church Directory.

Union services on behalf of the American Bibls Society will be held this (Sunday) evening a the Congregational Church. Rev. P. Hetzler, agent for Oregon and Washin ton territory, will give an interesting account of the work of the society during the past year. Short addresses per ment to the subject of the society during be past year. Short addresses per them to the subject will be made by Re. J. G. Burchett, pastor of the Baptist Church, Rev. F. Elliott, Mr. T. P. Powers, president of the Clatsop Bible Society and other speakers, if time will permit.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.—Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sunday school after morning services. Seats free, and cordial invitation is extended to all.

EV Rev. P. Hatzler will officiate this morning. And Union services will be held in

the evening. FIRST PRESEYTERIAN CHURCH.—Organized May 5th, 1877. Supply expected from the Board of Domestic Missions. Sunday school every Sunday at one o'clock P. M., at upper As-

land, Rector. Services at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M. Sunday school at 9 o'clock A. M.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS.—Services (upper Astoria) alternate Sundays, at 3 o'clock P. M., by the Rev. T. A. Hyland. Sunday school every Sunday at 9 o'clock A.M.

Star of the Sea Church.—Rev. Father Macken Pastor. Samulach.—Rev. Father

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH,—Rev. Father Macken Pastor. Services at II y'clock A. M. Sunday school at 3 o'clock P. M. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. - Rev. J. G. Burchett,
Pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M., and 7 P. M.
In the new church on Astor street. Sunday School immediately after morning ser-

vices. All are invited. 127 Services chamorning as usual. In the evening will attend are linion meeting at the evening will attended inion meeting at the Congregational Church. METHODIST SERVICES.—Rev. F. Elliot, Methodist minister, will preach in the Congregational church.

FRIENDS OF PROGRESS,—A Free Conference meeting will be held by the society every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock P.M. All are invited.

Progressive Lyceum.—Children's Lyceum held at Liberty hall at 2 o'clock p. m., under the auspices of the Society of Friends of Progress. J. Kerter, conductor.

Services in the Norwegian language at at the Court house, at 3 o clock p. m.

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NOTICE.

We the undersigned Commissoners appointed by Ordinance No. 221 and 225 to assess the benefits and damages caused by the widening of Concomby and Chenamus streets, do hereby give public nodee, that we shall proceed to view said proposed widening and to assess said damages and benefits on the 24th day of October, A. D., 1877; and that we shall meet at the onice of the City Attorney at 100 clock in the forenoon of said day, when and where all parties interested will appear and where all parties interested will appear and attend.

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## Temple Lodge, No. 1, A. F. A. M. Regular Communications first and third Saturdays in each month, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at the Hall in Astoria. Members of the Order, in good standing, are nvited to attend. By order of the W. M.

Reaver Lodge No. 35, L.O.O.F. Moet every Friday evening.
at 7 o'clock, in the Odd Fellow's
Hall, cor. of Cass and Chenamus
streets, Astoria. Members of the
Order are invited to attend. By order. N. G.

Astoria Lodge No. 40, I. O. G. T. Regular Meeting every Tuesday Evening at 7 o'clock, at Good Templar's Hall, Chenamus Street, Astoria, over C. L. Parker's Store. Members of the Order, in good standing, are invited to attend. Degree meeting 1st Monday each month. By order W. C. T.

Common Council. Regular meetings first and third Monday evenings of each month, at 7 o'clock and Persons desiring to have matters acted

Regular monthly meeting will be held at the hall of the Company, on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 o'clock p. m.

at Members are expected to attend promptly, if not the usual fines will be imposed against them, unless legal excuse is offered. By order of the Company,

A. VAN DUSEN, President.

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#### Cemetery Notice.

The undersigned Sexton of the Astoria Cemetery, in view of the fact that the cemetery grounds are now permanently located, wishes all persons owning lots in the grounds to report the number and block to him; also, all persons who have buried friends in the grounds at any time, are requested to address him through the Post-office, or call upon him at his office, and furnish him with a list, embracing the name of deceased, age, when buried, the lot or block upon which the burial was made, and such other information as will enable him to bring order out of chaos, F. FERRELL, City Sexton.

Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 20, 1877. Astoria, Oregon, Sept. 20, 1877.

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Having all the necessary machinery for first class work, skillful Brewers, and using none but the best quality of materials, the Proprietor is prepared to manufacture LAGER BEER in any quantity, from a single bottle to a barrel, and put it up in good condition for shipment or immediate use. Families and keepers of public houses promptly and regularly supplied.

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